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SUMMARY

In 1989/90, Police in Ontario reported that Criminal Code and drug offences in Ontario increased for the fourth consecutive year to 946,827 offences. This followed a period of decreases between 1981 and 1985. The number of property offences decreased in 1989/90, but the number of drug offences, violent offences, Criminal Code traffic, and other Criminal Code offences increased. The increase for Criminal Code traffic, was a modest 442 in relationship to the number in 1988/89, 72,262.

From these offences, there were a total of 223,476 adults and 42,347 young persons charged. These totalled 265,823 persons charged by police in Ontario for Criminal Code and drug offences. These translated to 423,156 charges received in Provincial Court (Criminal Division), and 86,771 charges received in the Youth Courts.

Once again in 1989/90, the number of Criminal Code and drug charges disposed in Provincial Court (Criminal Division), was less than the number received. The shortfall in 1989/90 was 47,752 charges, the largest shortfall in the five year period. Consequently, the number pending on March 31 1990 reached 188,858. This represented approximately 6 months of work (the case inventory). In 1985/86, five districts had a case inventory was 4 months or more. In 1989/90, 42 districts had case inventories of 4 months or more.

In the Youth Courts, the number pending has been increasing over the last five years, however, the case inventories are still only at the three month level.

At the District Court, the inventory of Criminal Code indictments increased for the third consecutive year so that it reached 6.7 months in 1989/90. The inventory was highest in the Central West region. The inventory has been increasing mainly in Metropolitan Toronto, and the surrounding regions, and also in the East region.

Regarding non-criminal matters, the number of matters received and disposed in the Provincial Court (Family Division) increased marginally in 1989/90 but was significantly less than the number in 1986/87. The number pending in 1989/90 was the highest of the last four years.

In the Supreme and District Court, non-criminal actions (excluding divorce) added to the lists for trial increased but the number disposed decreased. The number pending increased to over 12,000 resulting in a case inventory of 9.0 months. The inventory in 1988/89 was 8.1 months.

In the Provincial Court (Civil Division), the number of small claims actions increased in comparison to 1988/89, and the number was the highest since 1984. The increase was outside of Metropolitan Toronto.

INTRODUCTION

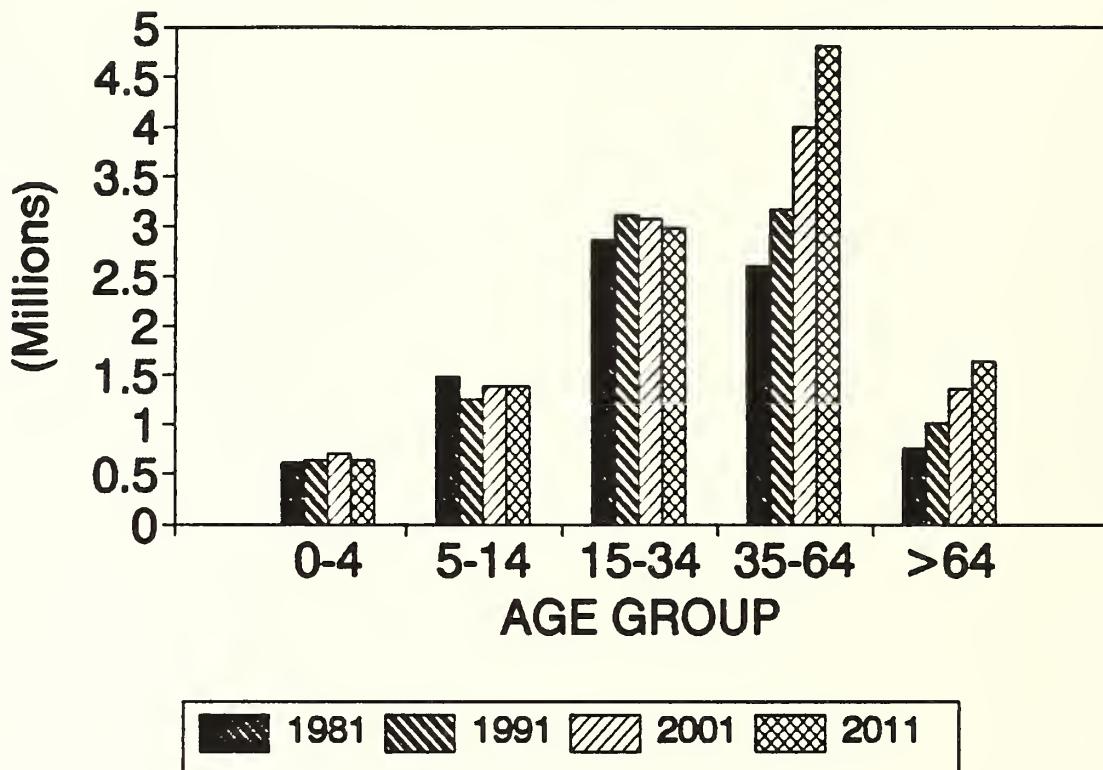
The purpose of this report is to update for Ministry management the latest available court statistics in relationship to the long term trends and the data from the other justice ministries. The report displays trends at the various court levels, and provides an analysis of some individual court locations. It further explores the data interrelationships among the justice-related ministries. Data are presented both in tabular and graphical format. Tables have been used more extensively in this report so that exact numbers may be more easily found.

The trends displayed are for the most part five years, 1985/86 to 1989/90, and the information comes mainly from the Statistical Services Unit of the Computer and Telecommunications Services Branch of the Ministry. Other information comes from the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, the Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services and the Ministry of Treasury and Economics. More detailed information is available on request from Research Services, Ministry of the Attorney General.

ONTARIO'S POPULATION

GRAPH 1

POPULATION GROWTH BY AGE GROUP 1981, 1991, 2001 & 2011 PROJECTED



TRENDS IN ONTARIO'S POPULATION (000), 1961 TO 1981, PROJECTED TO 2011

AGE	1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011
0-4	740.2	637.3	593	702.1	657.4	631.1
5-14	1267.5	1571.2	1293.6	1287.8	1433.3	1321.9
15-34	1706.4	2432.9	3054.9	3175.6	2946.2	3047.5
35-64	2014.1	2417.1	2815.3	3545.2	4459.7	5008.9
>64	508.1	644.5	868.2	1181.5	1493.8	1850.8
TOTAL (000)	6236.3	7703	8625	9892.2	10990.4	11860.2

ONTARIO'S POPULATION AND PROJECTED CHANGES TO 2001 AND 2011

Overall Growth

Ontario's population grew from 6.3 million in 1961 to 9,133,500 in 1986. Statistics Canada estimated the 1989 population to have reached 9,589,600, and the June 1 1990 population to have been 9,748,700. This was an average 1.5% growth rate between 1961 and 1986. Growth between 1986 and 1990 has averaged 1.6%. During the 1990s, the growth rate is expected to average 1.1% per year and reach 10.9 million by the year 2000. However, major changes are expected. The 35-64 age group will become the largest category, and growth in the districts around Metropolitan Toronto is expected to exceed that projected in recent years.

Age Cohort Changes

Recent population age cohort changes have been characterized by declines in the younger age groups and the emergence of the 35-64 age group as the largest age category (Graph 1). The most recent projections to 2001 and 2011 indicate short term increases in the younger age category (0-4) and continued increases in the older categories (35-64) and (65+). The 25-34 age category which is considered by many researchers to be the most criminally active, is expected to increase modestly above the present level. However, the 35-64 age category which has emerged as the largest age category, is expected to continue to grow. Some experts have suggested that this may result in a large group of more sophisticated criminals. The number aged 65 and over is expected to continue to grow and surpass the number of 5-14 year olds by about the year 2000.

Population Growth in the Districts

The Ministry of Treasury and Economics updated their population projections for Ontario's counties and districts in the summer of 1989. The new population projections indicated that previous estimates for Northern Ontario were overstated and estimates for the districts surrounding Metropolitan Toronto were understated. The districts around Metropolitan Toronto are expected to continue their patterns of rapid growth. (Map 1)

Ethnic Origin

In the 1986 census, 3.9 million people in Ontario claimed to be of exclusive British origin, and 1.04 million claimed to be French or French and British. The remaining 4 million claimed partial or complete non-British or non-French origin. This latter group represented 45% of Ontario's population and they represented over 50% of the population in some districts. The group includes people of native Canadian origin (Map 2).

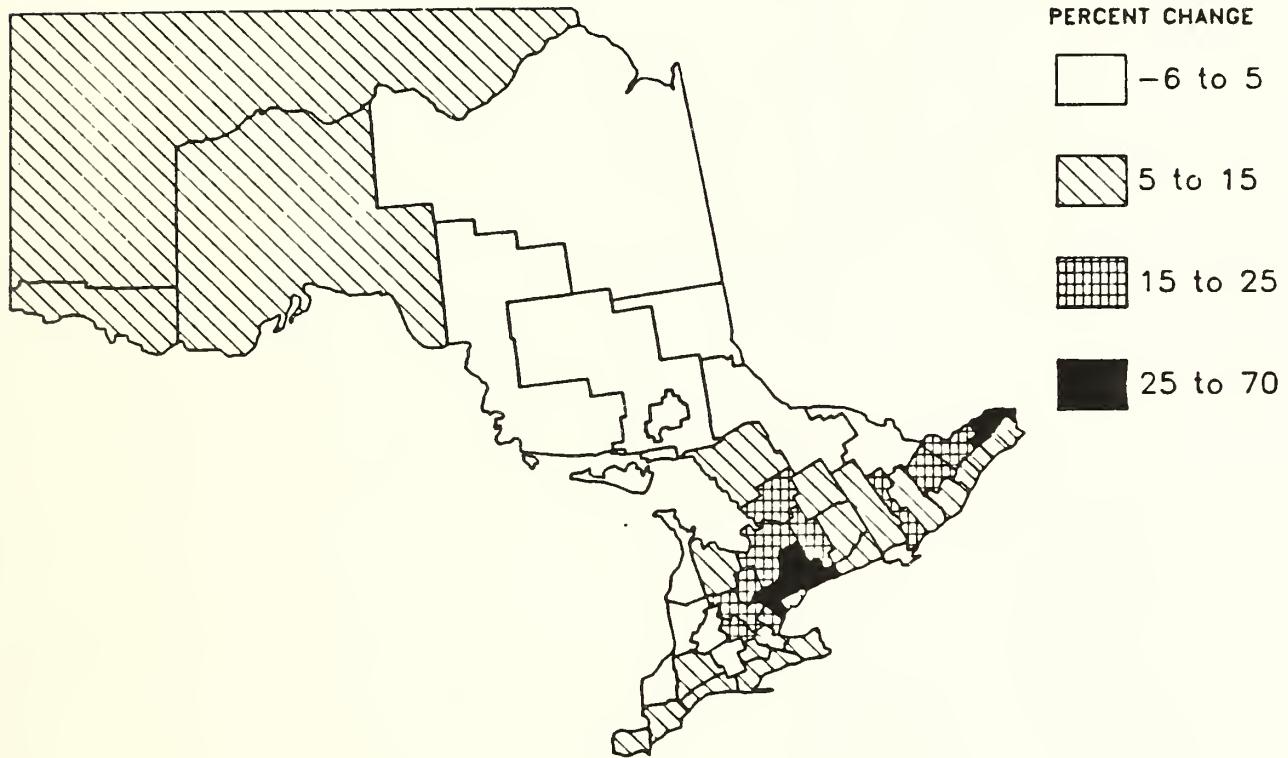


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ONTARIO POPULATION PROJECTIONS

1986 - 1996

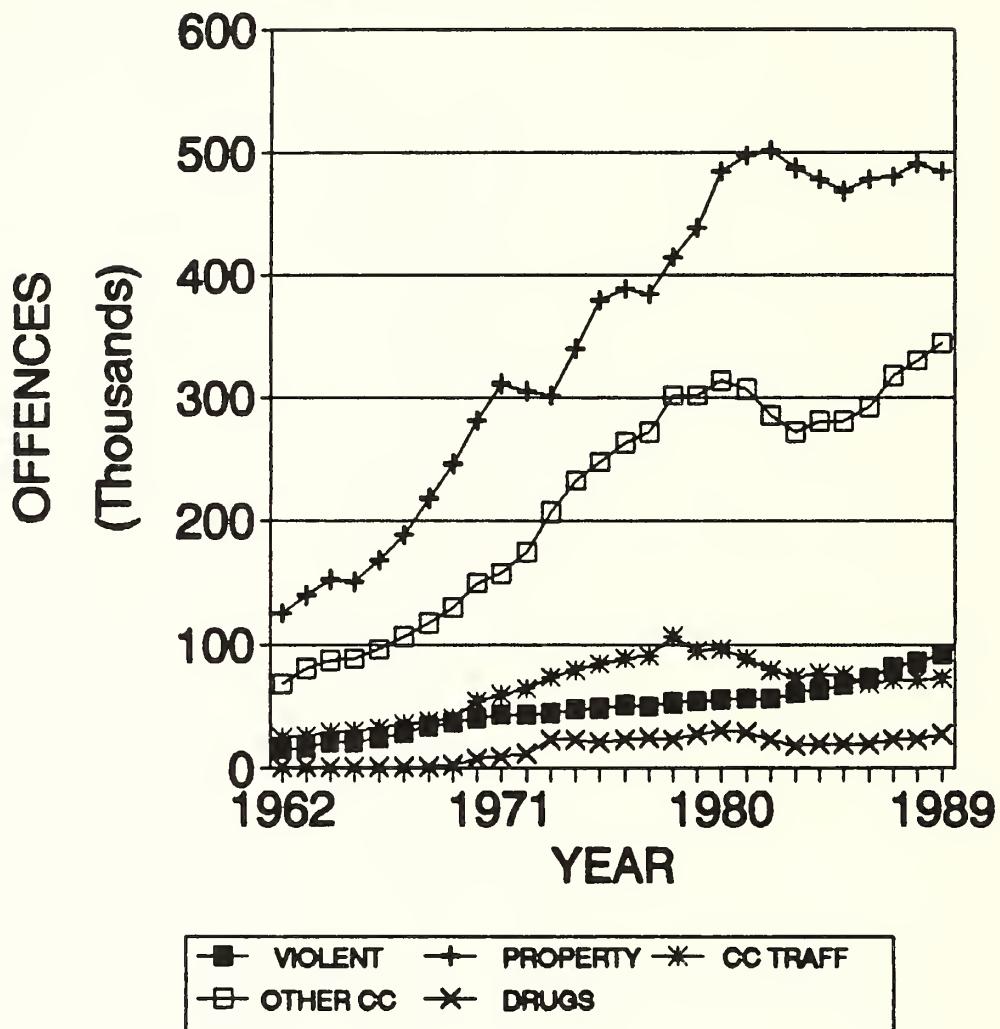


MAP 2

PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION WITH NON-BRITISH, NON-FRENCH
ETHNIC ORIGINS

CRIMINAL MATTERS

GRAPH 2

TRENDS IN MAJOR OFFENCES
ONTARIO, 1962 - 1989

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
VIOLENT OFFENCES	67,244	72,590	81,283	85,455	92,069
PROPERTY OFFENCES	467,879	476,382	479,454	489,836	483,392
OTHER CRIMES	204,611	222,549	246,394	257,543	271,861
CC TRAFFIC	74,995	68,842	70,540	71,819	72,262
DRUGS	19,803	19,322	22,854	22,929	27,243
TOTAL	834,532	859,685	900,525	927,582	946,827

OFFENCES REPORTED TO POLICE

Overall Trends in Major Offences in Ontario

The number of serious offences (Criminal Code and drug) increased in Ontario for the fourth consecutive year in 1989. The number increased from 927,582 in 1988 to 946,827 in 1989. This was a 2.1% increase. The increase occurred for all major categories of offences except property offences. The largest increases occurred for the violent offences and drug offences categories. Violent offences increased from 85,455 to 92,069, a 7.7% increase. Drug offences increased from 22,929 to 27,243, an 18.8% increase. Criminal Code traffic offences increased modestly from 71,819 to 72,262, a 0.6% increase. Within this, alcohol related offences increased from 39,001 to 39,667. However, the number was still less than the 1981 number, 48,210 (Graph 2).

Adult and Young Persons Charged for Criminal and Drug Offences

In 1989, Police in Ontario charged 246,442 persons with offences under the Criminal Code. Of these, 205,258 were adults and 41,184 were young offenders. In addition, there were 18,218 adults and 1,163 young persons charged for drug related offences. Table 1 provides detail of this by offence type. The following are some highlights from the table.

Criminal code traffic charges represented the largest offence category for which adults were charged, 45,141 or 22%. Most of these (37,905) were persons charged for drinking driving offences. This was a slight increase in comparison to the 1988/89 figure, 37,387. The high occurred in 1980 when there were 44,026 persons for drinking driving offences.

After traffic and miscellaneous Criminal offences, the largest categories for adults charged were, assault level 1, 10.9%; bail violations, 10.8%; and theft under \$1000 - shoplifting, 8.5%.

For young offenders charged, the largest categories were shoplifting under \$1000, 18.2%; bail violations, 7.4%; and assault level 1, 7.1%.

In 1989/90, Ontario Police apprehended but did not charge 29,344 young persons for Criminal Code offences. Of these, 25.5% or 7,486 were for shoplifting under \$1000. This was almost as many as were charged for the same offence, 7,487.

The number of young offenders not charged for aggravated sexual assault was 24 in 1989. The number in 1988 was 0. The 1989 figure is probably not significant.

TABLE 1

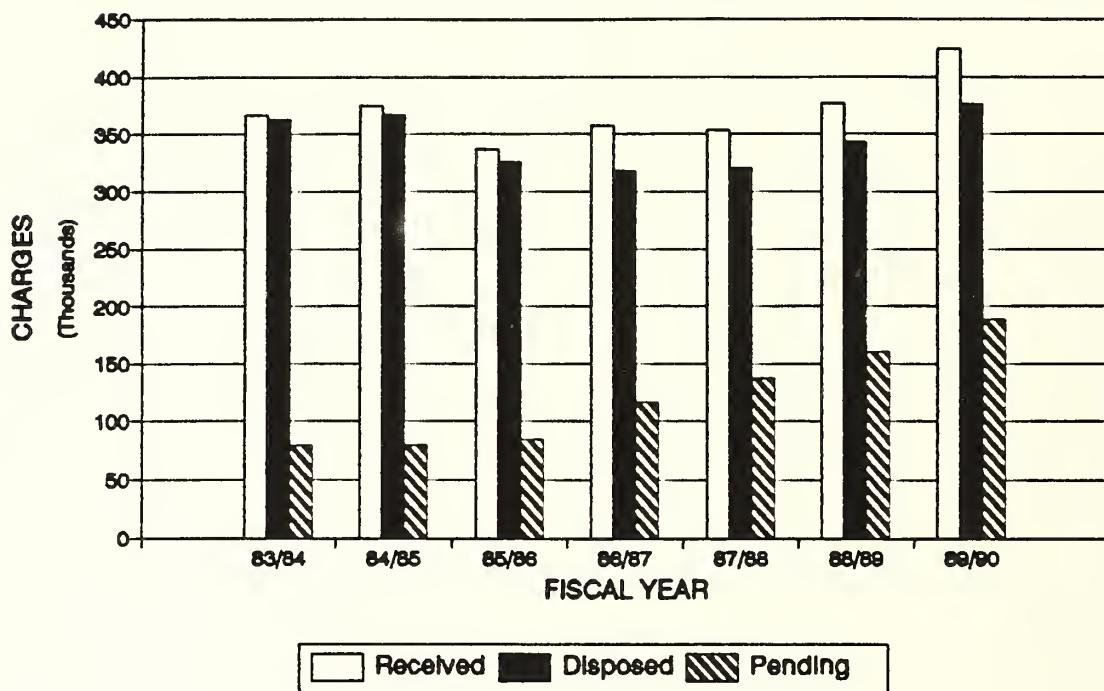
PERSONS CHARGED
BY OFFENCE TYPE

ONTARIO 1989

	Persons Charged		Young Person Not Charged
	Adults	Young Offenders	
VIOLENT OFFENCES			
Homicide/Att Murder	316	40	0
Aggravated Sexual Assault	59	1	24
Sexual Assault with Weapon	112	10	2
Sexual Assault	2761	466	313
Assault Level 1	22434	2037	2457
Assault w. Weapon/Caus B.H.	7313	1122	206
Aggravated Assault	644	66	16
Assault Police	2208	198	7
Other Assault	1272	156	130
Abduction	75	4	3
Robbery Firearms	362	51	10
Other Robbery	1495	656	112
PROPERTY OFFENCES			
B & E Business Premises	3601	2361	411
B & E Residence	4506	2931	1005
B & E Other	605	777	336
MV Theft Auto	1658	1505	408
MV Theft Truck	603	378	65
MV Theft Motorcycle	116	153	34
MV Theft Other	170	239	31
Theft >1000 Bicycles	12	4	3
Theft <1000 Bicycles	237	446	363
Theft >1000 From MV	228	146	36
Theft <1000 From MV	1571	1295	652
Theft >1000 Shoplifting	147	46	14
Theft <1000 Shoplifting	17500	7487	7488
Theft >1000 Other	1666	422	126
Theft <1000 Other	6150	2020	3136
Have Stolen Goods	6160	2505	362
OTHER CRIMINAL			
Fraud	12152	1092	369
Prostitution	3913	173	540
Gaming & Betting	970	7	0
Offensive Weapons	3405	666	644
Arson	230	126	200
Bail Violations	22062	3036	105
Escape Custody	396	474	20
Prisoner Unlawfully at Large	613	302	28
Mischief	7772	2590	3881
Other Criminal Code non traffic	23961	3201	5764
Criminal Code Traffic	45141		
DRUGS			
Cannabis	12221	962	361
Other Drugs	5450	143	140
Controlled Drugs	96	3	9
Restricted Drugs	451	55	4
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE	205258	41184	29344
TOTAL DRUGS	18218	1183	514

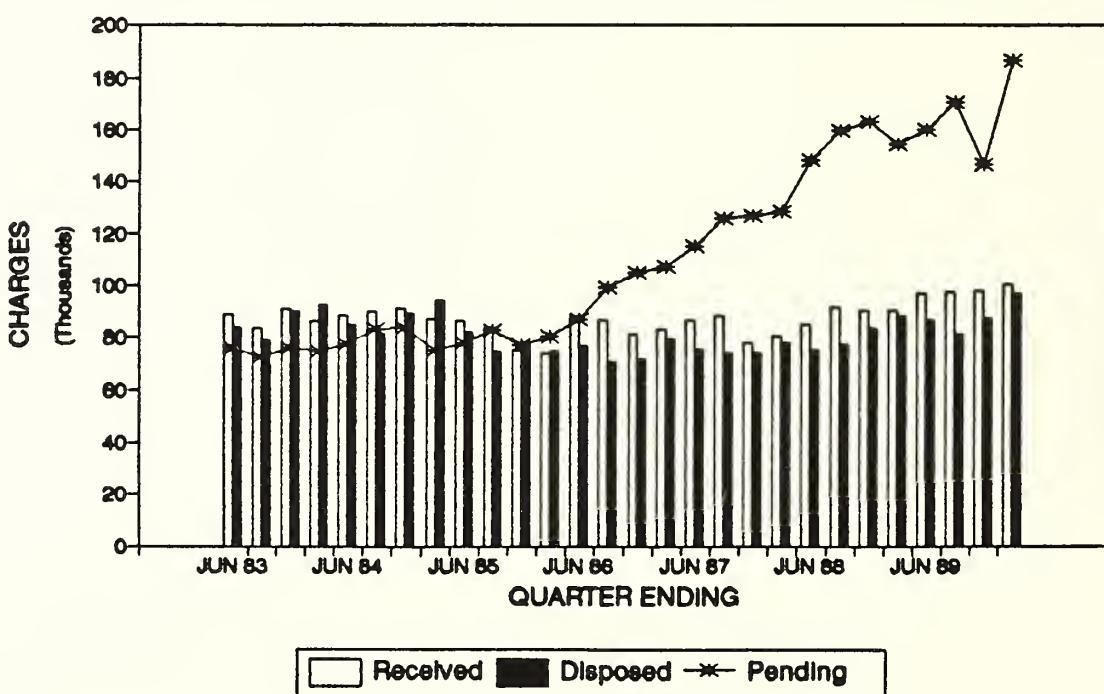
GRAPH 3

CCC/NCA RECEIVED, DISPOSED & PENDING IN PROVINCIAL COURT (CRIMINAL DIVISION)



GRAPH 4

CCC RECEIVED, DISPOSED, PENDING: QTRLY PROVINCIAL COURT (CRIMINAL DIVISION)



PROVINCIAL COURT (CRIMINAL DIVISION) TRENDS

The number of charges received in the Provincial Court (Criminal Division) in 1989/90 continued to mirror the general crime rate in Ontario. Specifically, the number of charges received, decreased annually between 1982/83 and 1985/86. Since that time, the number has increased annually.

FISCAL YEAR	CHARGES RECEIVED	CHARGES DISPOSED
85/86	3,005,804	3,020,571
86/87	3,550,830	3,447,520
87/88	3,676,024	3,562,438
88/89	3,891,011	3,780,851
89/90	3,825,980	3,713,465

The same was true for the number disposed. Of note is that for the last five years, the number of charges disposed was less than the number of charges received.

Actual increases in the justice system workload have been consistent with projections prepared in 1982. At that time, it was projected that serious crimes would increase over the long term at an average rate of about 2% per year. Actual increases in the number of criminal code and drug charges have averaged slightly less than 1% per year. Violent offences have been increasing at approximately 8% per year since 1984.

Of major interest is the number of charges which require a court appearance. Graph 3 displays the number of Criminal Code and drug charges received and disposed in the Provincial (Criminal Division). The reader should note that in each year, the number of charges

CRIMINAL CODE AND DRUG CHARGES RECEIVED AND DISPOSED IN PROVINCIAL COURT (CRIMINAL DIVISION)

Fiscal Year	CCC & Drug Charges Received	CCC & Drug Charges Disposed
83/84	366,879	362,922
84/85	374,956	366,125
85/86	336,106	325,300
86/87	357,192	317,115
87/88	353,117	319,052
88/89	376,784	342,574
89/90	423,156	375,404

disposed was less than the number received. That is, the Provincial Courts have not been able to dispose of as many cases as are received. This has been particularly critical for criminal and drug charges.

TABLE 2

	PCCD 83/84	CCC 84/85	& NCA INVENTORY 85/86	(months)	FISCAL 86/87	YEAR 87/88	ENDING 88/89	89/90
CENTRAL EAST	2.9	2.6	2.9	4.5	6.1	7.3	5.6	
Durham	3.0	2.6	2.9	5.0	8.4	11.4	9.6	
Muskoka	2.2	1.3	1.0	3.3	5.5	5.5	6.4	
Northumberland	1.5	1.4	2.3	3.1	3.7	2.7	4.5	
Peterborough	2.2	2.2	2.5	3.9	2.3	0.0	1.8	
Simcoe	2.9	2.3	2.1	3.9	5.6	6.2	1.3	
Victoria	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.3	0.2	5.2	7.6	
York Region	3.8	4.0	5.1	6.5	9.5	10.3	7.4	
CENTRAL SOUTH	2.7	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.7	4.8	6.8	
Brant	3.8	2.7	1.3	3.2	2.7	4.5	7.9	
Haldimand	1.8	1.0	1.3	1.7	0.4	3.9	4.7	
Hamilton-Wentworth	2.5	3.0	3.9	5.9	6.9	5.8	6.9	
Niagara North	3.3	3.1	2.7	2.6	3.4	3.7	6.0	
Niagara South	2.6	2.9	3.2	3.3	4.3	5.2	5.7	
Norfolk	1.4	1.6	2.2	3.1	4.3	2.8	5.3	
Waterloo	2.6	3.3	2.8	3.5	4.0	4.1	7.7	
CENTRAL WEST	2.8	2.9	3.0	5.1	7.3	9.1	10.5	
Bruce	1.6	2.0	3.3	2.7	0.5	0.0	4.3	
Dufferin	1.6	3.0	2.1	3.7	3.4	2.2	4.8	
Grey	1.4	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.8	3.4	4.8	
Halton	2.4	2.2	1.5	2.7	4.4	4.5	9.5	
Peel	3.6	3.5	4.3	7.8	11.6	14.4	13.2	
Wellington	1.3	1.7	0.8	1.5	2.2	5.9	8.1	
EAST	2.9	2.3	2.5	3.7	4.0	4.7	5.7	
Frontenac	1.5	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.7	3.4	
Hastings	2.6	2.8	1.6	3.2	3.8	4.8	8.5	
Lanark	1.4	0.2	0.0	1.0	0.3	3.5	4.2	
Leeds & Grenville	1.1	2.1	0.8	1.6	1.5	3.0	3.3	
Lennox & Addington	1.7	0.9	0.7	1.6	0.7	1.5	5.0	
Ottawa-Carleton	4.7	2.7	3.7	5.5	6.0	6.1	6.0	
Prescott & Russell	3.4	2.8	3.0	1.9	4.1	4.7	13.5	
Prince Edward	1.4	0.0	1.7	2.4	1.7	6.4	3.0	
Renfrew	1.8	1.7	3.2	3.0	4.9	4.5	5.1	
Stormont, Dundas & Gle	1.4	3.9	3.6	5.2	4.2	5.1	6.2	
NORTH EAST	2.2	1.9	1.8	2.8	2.7	3.4	6.9	
Algoma	3.2	2.1	1.6	3.1	1.4	3.7	4.9	
Cochrane	1.5	2.1	2.0	3.2	2.8	2.8	11.4	
Manitoulin	1.2	1.7	0.5	1.4	1.9	0.6	5.1	
Nipissing	2.0	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.7	4.4	5.6	
Parry Sound	2.8	3.4	4.0	3.4	3.6	2.5	5.1	
Sudbury	2.0	1.5	1.5	2.7	4.1	4.1	6.0	
Timiskaming	1.6	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.0	0.4	11.4	
NORTHWEST	2.0	1.0	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.6	2.7	
Kenora	2.1	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.5	2.1	
Rainy River	2.6	2.8	3.5	1.9	2.6	2.4	10.1	
Thunder Bay	1.8	0.8	1.6	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	
SOUTHWEST	2.7	2.5	3.0	4.6	5.1	7.0	6.0	
Elgin	2.5	1.0	3.4	3.8	2.7	3.4	5.6	
Essex	2.8	3.2	5.0	11.1	10.6	15.6	6.0	
Huron	1.6	2.2	2.0	2.5	3.6	4.7	4.7	
Kent	1.8	1.9	2.6	4.7	6.4	5.2	4.9	
Lambton	2.1	2.2	3.3	4.3	5.5	5.8	6.0	
Middlesex	2.9	2.9	2.2	1.1	1.0	4.1	6.2	
Oxford	3.7	2.1	0.5	0.8	1.3	0.9	6.4	
Perth	3.5	1.7	2.0	3.1	4.1	4.4	8.1	
TORONTO	2.3	2.9	4.1	5.1	5.6	5.9	5.0	
TOTAL	2.6	2.6	3.1	4.4	5.1	5.9	6.0	
NUMBER OF LOCATIONS WITH INVENTORY =>4 MOS	1	0	5	9	19	27	42	

As a result the number of charges pending increased from 78,070 to 188,858 in 1989/90. This latter figure represented 6 months of work, (the case inventory). The major upsurge in the number pending actually occurred in the quarter ending March 1986 following the legislation which stiffened the penalties relating to drinking driving offences (Graph 4).

The increases occurred mainly in the districts of Metropolitan Toronto, Peel, Ottawa-Carleton, Hamilton-Wentworth, Middlesex, Simcoe, Durham, Waterloo, York Region, and Essex. Together, these ten districts handled almost two-thirds of the Criminal Code and drug charges. However, the most recent data indicates that the shortfall problem is general among most of the districts.

Coincident with the increase in the case disposition shortfall, there was an increase in the number of adjournments per hearing. The number increased from an average 3.8 in 1983/84 to an average of 5.3 in 1988/89. The number decreased in 1989/90.

TRENDS IN ADJOURNMENTS PER HEARING
IN PROVINCIAL COURT (CRIMINAL DIVISION)
CRIMINAL CODE AND DRUG OFFENCES

FISCAL YEAR	ADJOURNMENTS PER HEARING
83/84	3.8
84/85	3.9
85/86	4.3
86/87	5.0
87/88	5.2
88/89	5.3
89/90	5.2

CASE INVENTORIES IN PROVINCIAL COURT (CRIMINAL DIVISION)

The case inventory is the estimated time in months it would theoretically take to dispose of the cases on hand. For example if a location disposed of 1000 cases annually and there were 500 cases pending at a point in time, then the inventory would be six months since 500 cases represented six months of work for that location.

On March 31 1990, the number of criminal and drug cases on hand in the Provincial Court (Criminal Division) totalled 6.0 months of work (Table 2). This was an increase from 5.9 months the previous year and 2.6 months in 1983/84. The inventory exceeded the provincial average in 18 districts and was four months or more in 42 districts. In 1985/86 only 5 districts had inventories of 4 or more months. In 1989/90, the district with the highest inventory was Prescott & Russell where the inventory was 13.5 months. The second highest was Peel where the inventory was 13.2 months, and the number pending was 20,040.

TABLE 3

YOUTH COURT (CRIMINAL DIVISION)						YOUTH COURT (FAMILY DIVISION)						
	85/86 TOTAL	86/87 TOTAL	87/88 TOTAL	88/89 TOTAL	89/90* TOTAL		84/85 TOTAL	85/86 TOTAL	86/87 TOTAL	87/88 TOTAL	88/89 TOTAL	89/90* TOTAL
Charges Received	32,699	40,069	38,473	41,404	44,334		25,398	27,047	30,535	30,289	35,407	42,437
Persons Charged	20,648	25,495	23,915	25,053	27,478		17,504	18,069	20,741	20,760	24,148	28,324
Ex Ben Warrants	1,410	1,998	2,214	2,482	8,936		579	1,014	1,055	1,215	2,993	8,765
COURT ACTION												
Reissued Summons	435	583	698	872	762		290	782	291	390	278	382
Remands/Adjournments	75,102	104,912	110,318	113,581			33,676	44,045	52,295	55,473	70,256	94,560
Ben Warr Ordered	3,272	4,233	4,391	4,368	7,572		977	1,512	1,766	1,856	2,805	4,402
Withdrawn	8,310	12,093	12,303	13,898	16,205		5,123	6,988	7,390	7,868	11,429	14,499
Trans out	892	1,570	1,577	2,024	1,747		443	404	367	456	411	483
Trans Ord Court	714	174	214	142	85		16	51	56	100	49	92
Dismiss/Acq	940	1,467	1,598	1,451	1,825		665	1,213	1,089	1,278	1,363	1,772
Found Guilty-Guilty Plea	13,955	21,329	20,889	19,357	20,975		14,577	17,832	19,800	19,869	18,337	22,709
Found Guilty-Not Guilty Plea	591	1,015	1,069	923	1,151		438	526	606	634	558	551
COURT DISPOSITIONS												
Custody-open-persons	855	1,876	2,108	1,962	2,289		786	1,074	1,614	1,640	1,618	2,268
Custody-surecure-persons	1,488	2,280	2,333	2,329	2,404		716	956	1,031	953	1,012	1,353
Probation	8,062	12,458	12,101	11,019	12,071		7,736	9,796	10,706	11,142	10,838	13,562
Community Service	794	1,476	1,398	1,180	1,139		2,641	3,357	4,077	3,921	3,048	3,515
Restitution	564	1,228	1,254	857	985		955	1,334	1,217	1,073	1,236	1,169
Compensation	257	310	68	134	170		501	621	628	733	506	665
Fine	2,054	3,104	3,079	3,090	2,834		1,572	2,106	2,266	2,022	1,817	2,109
Absolute Discharge	1,672	1,847	1,799	1,020	855		2,646	2,747	3,085	3,017	1,457	1,207
Other Sentences	284	427	273	170	226		545	649	705	741	808	825
Opening Balance	0	5,642	6,637	5,283	7,006		0	3,665	3,188	3,704	3,194	7,382
Charges Received	32,699	40,069	38,473	41,404	44,334		25,398	27,047	30,535	30,289	35,407	42,437
Ex Ben Warrants	1,410	1,998	2,214	2,482	8,936		579	1,014	1,055	1,215	2,993	8,765
Charges Disposed (Excl BW Ord)	25,402	35,847	37,650	37,795	41,988		21,262	27,014	29,308	30,205	32,147	40,106
Bench Warrants Ordered	3,272	4,233	4,391	4,368	7,572		977	1,512	1,766	1,856	2,805	4,402
Closing Balance	5,435	6,200	5,288	7,006	10,716		3,738	3,200	3,704	3,194	7,381	14,076
5,435	7,629	5,283	7,006	10,716		3,738	3,200	3,704	3,147	6,642	14,075	
REVIEWS												
Applic.:Custody	64	369	392	384	283		49	245	199	263	251	223
Non-Custody	43	137	218	171	154		318	252	207	266	233	203
Fail To Comply	89	231	80	34	80		490	588	282	363	885	2,609
Results:Review Denied	23	82	77	65	66		44	67	19	32	60	88
Confirmed Disp.	115	98	75	101	71		41	84	76	68	96	129
Terminated Disp.	11	46	79	101	67		239	123	82	98	103	69
Vary/New Disp.	126	538	546	487	380		264	507	372	381	340	331
REPORTS/ASSESSMENTS												
Pre-disposition	2,444	3,702	3,406	3,045	2,455		2,763	3,218	3,683	642	3,256	3,788
Medical/Psychological	91	106	108	80	103		605	550	570	567	567	543
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION												
Bail Hearings	3,081	3,410	3,394	4,718	8,053		1,313	1,520	1,776	1,648	2,601	4,683
Bilingual Hearings/Trials	35	85	58	43	104		74	130	113	111	78	133
Forfeiture Recog./Hear.	1	13	6	69	2		1	14	2	17	3	0
Appr.-Sec 23 YOA/72 POA	1	16	0	2	0		19	10	10	1	2	4
Notices of Appeal	11	24	33	24	19		21	28	11	15	23	17
AGING OF CHARGES DISPOSED (Incl BW Ord)												
Dispositions Completed > 120 days	4,746	11,818	13,516	15,603	22,866		1,876	4,555	5,468	6,493	9,748	13,555
Dispositions Completed 91-120 days	3,138	4,410	4,302	4,340	4,765		1,835	2,488	2,871	3,186	4,013	4,978
Dispositions Completed 61-90 days	3,952	5,424	5,179	5,283	5,937		3,067	3,930	4,390	4,761	4,885	6,747
Dispositions Completed 31-60 days	6,195	7,991	7,816	7,540	7,344		5,370	6,640	7,451	7,145	7,297	8,760
Dispositions Completed < 31 days	10,643	12,238	11,228	9,397	8,648		10,091	10,914	10,894	10,476	9,009	10,466
TOTAL	28,674	41,881	42,041	42,163	49,560		22,239	28,527	31,074	32,061	34,952	44,508
PERSONS CHARGED BY AGE AND SEX												
Age			Number of Males Charged						Number of Females Charged			
12	690	859	893	974	1,103		172	186	229	249	256	
13	1,776	2,169	2,227	2,636	2,828		465	612	651	672	861	
14	4,198	4,578	4,881	5,385	5,855		1,144	1,522	1,414	1,736	1,944	
15	7,620	8,575	8,529	9,323	10,394		1,726	2,106	2,054	2,305	2,824	
16	7,669	10,006	8,997	9,670	11,788		1,478	2,106	1,771	1,822	2,297	
17	10,018	11,314	11,353	12,181	13,195		1,581	2,088	1,932	1,992	2,090	
18	131	156	135	94	223		17	18	14	20	50	
TOTAL	32,102	37,657	36,515	40,263	45,386		6,583	8,438	8,065	8,796	10,322	
Adult Male and Female	32	141	95	142	94							
Grand Total Male and Female	38,717	46,236	44,675	49,201	55,802							

* Several locations conducted a recount of charges pending and executed bench warrants this year.

YOUTH COURT

Youth Court (Criminal Division)

In 1989/90, the number of charges received in the Youth Court (Criminal Division) increased from 41,404 to 44,334, and the number disposed increased from 37,795 to 41,988. The number of bench warrants ordered increased from 4,368 to 7,572. Of note is that the number of charges pending increased from 7,006 to 10,716. Increases in the number of bench warrants ordered and executed as well as the number of charges pending should be treated with caution since many locations performed a recount on these during the year. Other changes of note are, the number of open and closed custody dispositions which increased, and the number of charges which took more than 120 days to be disposed, which increased from 15,603 to 22,866. See Table 3.

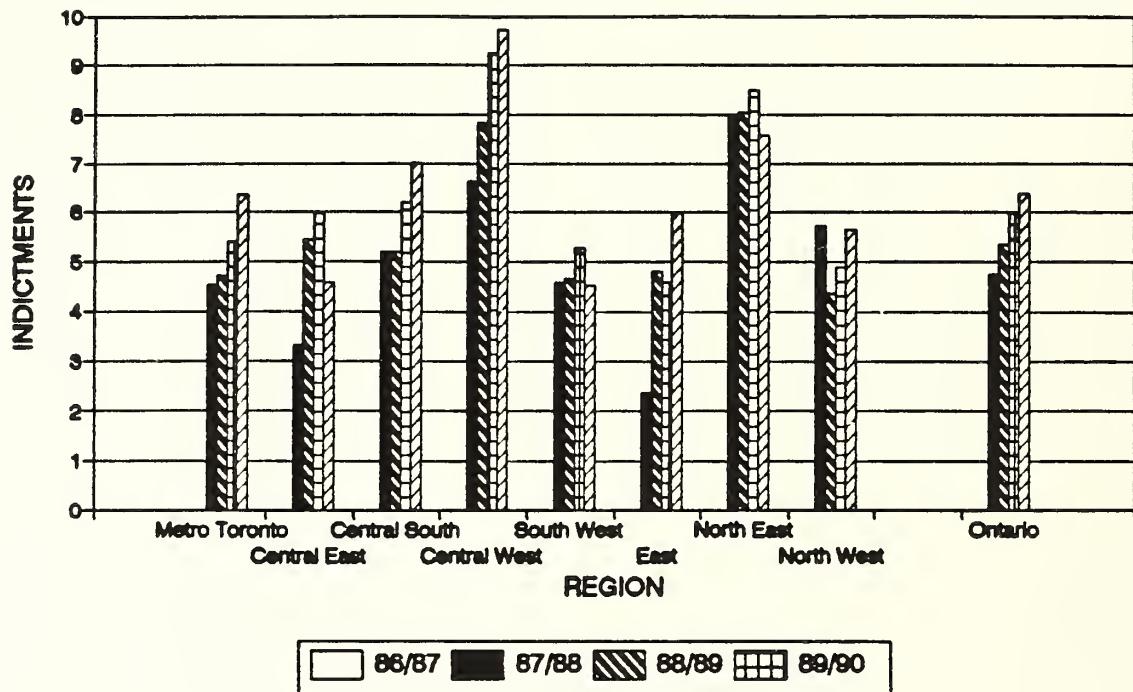
Youth Court (Family Division)

In the Youth Court (Family Division) the number of charges received increased 20%, from 35,407 to 42,437 in 1988/89. Similarly, the number of charges disposed increased 25%, from 32,147 to 40,106. Since many locations performed a recount of bench warrants and cases pending during the year the figures should be treated with caution.

An examination of the court dispositions reveals that the number of open and secure custody dispositions increased from 2,630 to 3,621, a 38% increase. Other increases of note are the number of bail hearings and the number of dispositions requiring more than 120 days to disposition. This latter figure increased 39% from 9,748 to 13,555. See Table 3.

GRAPH 5

**DISTRICT COURT, 1986/67 TO 1989/90
INVENTORY OF CRIMINAL CODE INDICTMENTS**



SUPREME AND DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL ACTIONS

District Court Criminal Actions

In 1989/90, the number of criminal indictments added, decreased modestly in comparison to the previous year. Further, for the third consecutive year, the number disposed was slightly lower than the number added. The number pending increased for the second year, and the result has been an increase in the case inventory for the third consecutive year. The inventory was particularly acute in the Central West Region (Graph 5).

DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL ACTIONS

	85/86	86/87	87/88	88/89	89/90
Ontario					
-Indictments Added	12,891	12,714	11,685	12,438	12,081
-Indictments Disposed	14,289	13,178	11,910	11,810	11,505
-Indictments Pending	5,953	5,479	5,424	5,990	6,407
% Pending of Disposed					
Case Inventory (months)	5.0	5.0	5.5	6.1	6.7

Of note is that over the period, the percentage of trials and guilty pleas has decreased annually while the percentage withdrawn or stayed has increased. The decrease in trials was for non-jury trials. The percentage of jury trials has remained relatively constant.

PERCENTAGE OF COUNTS DISPOSED

	85/86	86/87	87/88	88/89	89/90
Guilty Pleas	45.5%	43.0%	41.1%	39.7%	39.0%
Trials	28.7%	27.2%	26.0%	21.2%	23.6%
Withdrawn/Stayed	25.0%	29.0%	31.7%	38.3%	36.7%
Jury Trials	7.4%	8.8%	7.8%	7.2%	8.4%
Non-Jury Trials	21.3%	18.4%	18.2%	14.1%	15.2%

Supreme Court of Ontario, High Court of Justice, Criminal Matters

In 1987/88 there were 148 criminal matters disposed. This was the lowest of the 83/84 - 87/88 period. The high over the period was in 1983/84 when 262 matters were disposed.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

	85/86	86/87	87/88	88/89	89/90
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-Criminal Matters Disposed	249	238	148	183	113
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Supreme Court of Ontario, Court Of Appeal, Criminal Appeals

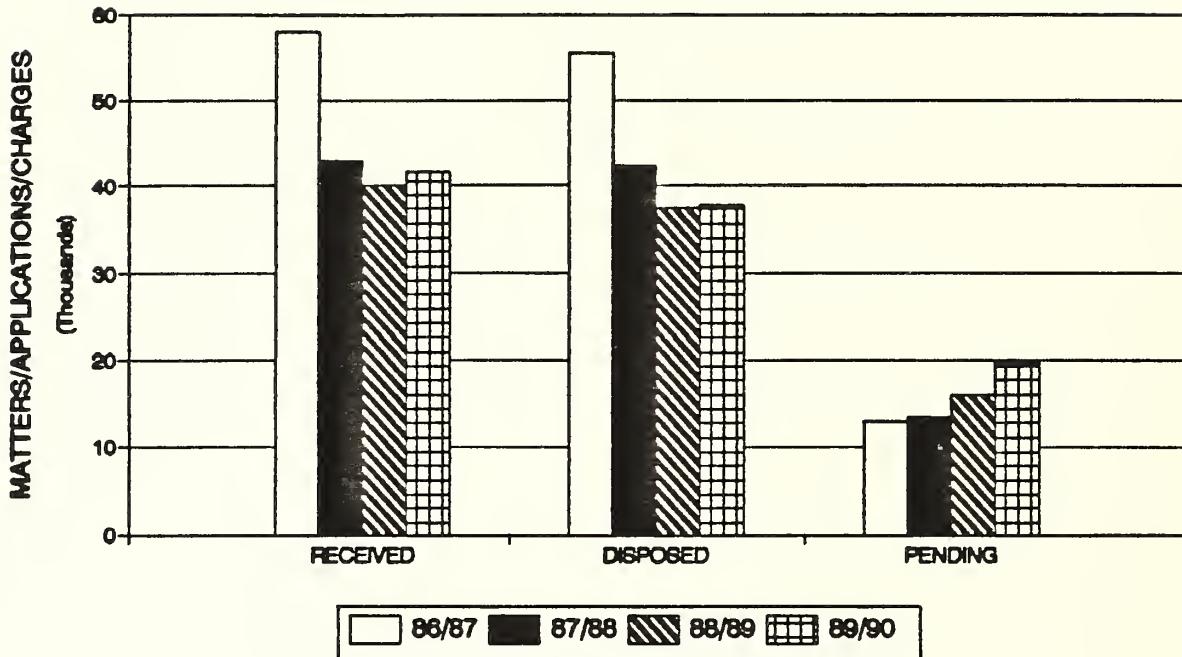
The number of appeals added increased annually over the period. However, the number disposed has remained less than the number added for each year except 1989/90. The percentage of cases argued has decreased from 59.6% to 50.5% since 1987/88. The number of cases pending has increased in each year of the period except 1989/90.

	85/86	86/87	87/88	88/89	89/90
COURT OF APPEAL					
-Criminal Appeals Added	1963	2034	2009	2128	2205
- " " Abandoned	709	726	611	711	1099
- " " Argued	853	955	933	956	1153
- " " Refused	33	19	22	20	30
-Total Disposed	1595	1700	1566	1687	2282
-Pending at Yearend	1901	2235	2678	2906	2829
Percent Argued	53.5%	56.2%	59.6%	56.7%	50.5%
Percent Abandonned	44.5%	42.7%	39.0%	42.1%	48.2%

NON-CRIMINAL MATTERS

GRAPH 6

PROVINCIAL COURT (FAMILY DIVISION) MATTERS/APPLICATIONS/CHARGES



	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89	1989/90
MATTERS/APPLICATIONS/CHARGES RECEIVED				
CFSA	16,626	16,690	15,759	15,869
FLA	37,931	23,955	22,672	24,284
REMO	1,601	940	793	680
CCC	1,445	959	588	446
Other	270	278	272	305
TOTAL	57,873	42,822	40,084	41,584
MATTERS/APPLICATIONS/CHARGES DISPOSED				
CFSA	16,541	15,491	15,558	15,789
FLA	35,748	24,739	20,379	20,781
REMO	1,427	933	658	553
CCC	1,467	1,000	597	491
Other	249	279	245	274
TOTAL	55,432	42,442	37,437	37,888
MATTERS/APPLICATIONS/CHARGES PENDING				
CFSA	2,300	3,499	3,700	3,780
FLA	9,731	8,947	11,240	14,743
REMO	595	602	737	864
CCC	245	204	205	160
Other	114	113	140	171
TOTAL	12,985	13,365	16,022	19,718

PROVINCIAL COURT (FAMILY DIVISION)

The number of matters received in the Provincial Court (Family Division) increased in comparison to 1988/89 from 40,084 to 41,584. However, the total was significantly less than the number in 1986/67. The decrease over the years was mainly with Family Law Act matters which decreased from 37,931 in 1986/67 to 24,284 in 1989/90. The number disposed increased marginally from 37,437 to 37,888 in 1989/90. Again, the total is significantly less than the number in 1986/86. The number pending on March 31 1990 was 19,718, an increase from 16,022 the previous year. This was the highest in the last four years. See Graph 6.

SUPREME AND DISTRICT COURT CIVIL ACTIONS

Proceedings Commenced

Civil actions in the Supreme and District Courts increased for some categories and decreased for others in 1989/90. There were increases for statements of claim commenced, divorce petitions filed, most categories of assessments, landlord and tenant appointments made, and notices of garnishments issued. Decreases occurred in the number of applications filed, the number of motions filed and heard, and the number of landlord and tenant dispositions.

SUPREME, DISTRICT & SURROGATE COURTS

PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED	85/86	86/87	87/88	88/89	89/90
Statements of Claim-MV	16,842	20,974	24,211	26,394	35,874
Statements of Claim-FLA/CLRA	2,908	3,142	3,818	3,388	3,913
Statements of Claim-Other	50,661	55,094	56,222	63,936	74,453
TOTAL	70,411	79,210	84,251	93,718	114,240
Divorce Petitions Filed	23,537	37,290	31,248	31,322	35,874
Applications Filed-FLA/CLRA				5,175	4,712
Applications Filed-Other				14,427	13,866
Applications Filed-Prob/Admin				29,320	29,882
TOTAL	33,756	37,829	38,152	48,922	48,460
MOTIONS AND PASSING OF ACCOUNTS					
Motions Filed-FLA/CLRA				12,768	12,402
Motions Filed-Other				46,190	45,400
TOTAL	43,225	52,233	56,368	58,958	57,802
Motions Heard-FLA/CLRA				13,600	13,492
Motions Heard-Other				69,805	64,901
Motions-Divorce Judgements				30,409	27,710
Passing of Accounts Filed				731	762
ASSESSMENTS					
Sol-Cli Appointments Made*	3,219	3,289	3,358	3,606	3,965
Sol-Cli Appointments Held*	2,206	2,002	1,915	2,424	2,148
P&P Appointments Made	3,458	4,895	5,611	5,185	5,301
P&P Appointments Held	4,646	5,494	5,265	4,241	4,795
EXAMINATIONS FOR DISCOVERY					
Appointments Made*	24,904	24,304	24,006	23,597	22,540
Appointments Held*	14,531	14,645	13,945	13,173	12,066
DISTRICT COURT L&T					
Appointments Made	23,518	25,783	25,831	26,516	29,818
Dispositions	10,949*	11,695*	12,633*	35,057	28,107
NOTICES OF GARNISHMENT ISSUED	10,199	9,783	8,571	9,488	10,696

* Excludes Metro Toronto

ACTIONS ON THE TRIAL LISTS

All Actions Excluding Divorce

In 1989/90, the total number of actions added to the trial lists of the Supreme and District Court was the highest in the 1985/86 - 1989/90 (5 years) period. This was true for both the Supreme and District Courts. Regarding trials, the number in the District Courts was the second highest in the five years, and the number in the Supreme Court was the lowest in the five years. The number of cases disposed in the Supreme Court was the second lowest over the period, while in the District Court, the number disposed was higher than in 1985/86 and 1986/87 but lower than 1987/88 and 1988/89. As a result, the number of cases pending was the highest in five years, and this gave rise to highs in the case inventories, 12.7 months in the Supreme Court and 8.6 in the District Court. In the District Court, this was the fourth consecutive year for an increase in the inventory.

Divorce Cases

The number of divorce cases added to the lists in 1989/90 was 13,480 the lowest in the five year period. The highest over the period was 22,278 in 1985/86. The same is true for divorce trials, and divorce cases disposed. The number pending was 1,846 the second lowest in the period. This represented a case inventory of 2 months.

Civil Jury Actions

In 1989/90, the number of civil jury actions added was 4,932. This was the highest in the five year period. The second highest was 1987/88 when the number was 4,195. In contrast to this, the number of trials was lowest at 318, but the total number disposed was highest at 4,034. The number pending at year end was 3,984, this was also the highest of the five year period and represented a case inventory of 11.9 months, up from 9.4 months in 1988/89 and 9.0 months in 1985/86. The increase in the case inventory occurred mainly in the District Court where the level rose from 6.8 months in 1985/86 to 11.3 months in 1989/90.

Civil Non-Jury Actions

In 1989/90, 70% of the actions to the trial lists of the Supreme and District Courts were non-jury. The number added in 1989/90 was 11,469. This was the highest since 1986/87 when the number was 11,579. The number of trials was higher than the last two years, but lower than in 1985/86 and 1986/87. The number disposed was the lowest since 1985/86, and the number pending was the highest over the five year period. The case inventory was 9.2 months in 1989/90, the highest in the period, and the increase has occurred mostly in the District Courts where the inventory increased from 5.3 months in 1985/86 to 7.7 months last year.

Motor Vehicle Actions

Included in the above-mentioned court actions are motor vehicle actions which account for approximately 25% of the actions in the Supreme and District Courts. The number of motor vehicle actions added in 1989/90 was 6,412. This was the highest of the five year period. The lowest was 5,243 in 1985/86. The number of trials was the lowest in 1989/90 but the number disposed was slightly less than the previous two years. The number pending in 1989/90 was the highest of the five years at 4,972. The lowest was in 1985/86 at 3,221. These pending figures translate to a case inventory in 1989/90 of 10.7 months. The figure for the District Courts was 9.9 months, the highest of the five year period, and up significantly from the 1985/86 level of 5.9 months.

ACTIONS ON THE TRIAL LISTS IN THE SUPREME AND DISTRICT COURT

	85/86	86/87	87/88	88/89	89/90	85/86	86/87	87/88	88/89	89/90	85/86	86/87	87/88	88/89	89/90
	SUPREME COURT ACTIONS					DISTRICT COURT ACTIONS					TOTAL ACTIONS				
MV and OTHER															
Cases Added	3142	3457	3541	3110	3326	6918	7684	7408	6149	6508	10060	11141	10949	9259	9834
Trials	667	770	595	686	522	2230	1982	1831	1606	1533	2897	2752	2426	2292	2055
Cases Disposed	3139	3490	3468	3432	3015	6341	6699	7097	6520	6034	9480	10189	10565	9952	9049
Pending	3224	3192	3265	2926	3238	2782	3766	4077	3566	4040	6006	6958	7342	6492	7278
FLA/CLRA															
Cases Added†			142	105					641	993			783	1098	
Trials†			33	30					211	497			244	527	
Cases Disposed†			113	113					555	866			668	979	
Pending†			71	64					269	396			340	460	
CLA															
Cases Added					363	438	407	474	537		363	438	407	474	537
Trials					201	198	162	154	201		201	198	162	154	201
Cases Disposed					390	368	409	449	484		390	368	409	449	484
Pending					170	240	238	264	317		170	240	238	264	317
SUB-TOTAL NON-JURY															
Cases Added	3142	3457	3541	3252	3431	7281	8122	7815	7264	8038	10423	11579	11356	10516	11469
Trials	667	770	595	719	552	2431	2180	1993	1971	2231	3098	2950	2588	2690	2783
Cases Disposed	3139	3490	3468	3545	3128	6731	7067	7506	7524	7384	9870	10557	10974	11069	10512
Pending	3224	3192	3265	2997	3302	2952	4006	4315	4099	4753	6176	7198	7580	7096	8055
INVENTORY	12.3	11.0	11.3	10.1	12.7	5.3	6.8	6.9	6.5	7.7	7.5	8.2	8.3	7.7	9.2

ACTIONS ON THE TRIAL LISTS IN THE SUPREME AND DISTRICT COURT

	85/86 86/87 87/88 88/89 89/90					85/86 86/87 87/88 88/89 89/90					85/86 86/87 87/88 88/89 89/90				
	SUPREME COURT ACTIONS					DISTRICT COURT ACTIONS					TOTAL ACTIONS				
DIVORCE															
Cases Added	425	313	323	244	277	21853	21560	21942	16352	13203	22278	21873	22265	16596	13480
Trials	207	171	152	124	142	20671	17361	17393	13618	10025	20878	17532	17545	13742	10167
Cases Disposed	378	375	277	218	324	22209	21739	21697	16615	13210	22587	22114	21974	16833	13534
Pending	430	368	414	444	397	1650	1471	1716	1456	1449	2080	1839	2130	1900	1846
INVENTORY	13.7	11.8	17.9	24.4	14.7	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.6
TOTAL NON-JURY															
Cases Added	3567	3770	3864	3496	3708	28771	29682	29757	23616	21241	32338	33452	33621	27112	24949
Trials	874	941	747	843	694	22901	19541	19386	15589	12256	23775	20482	20133	16432	12950
Cases Disposed	3517	3865	3745	3763	3452	28550	28806	29203	24139	20594	32067	32671	32948	27902	24046
Pending	3654	3560	3679	3441	3699	4432	5477	6031	5555	6202	8086	9037	9710	8996	9901
INVENTORY	12.5	11.1	11.8	11.0	12.9	1.9	2.3	2.5	2.8	3.6	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.9	4.9
TOTAL CIVIL JURY ACTIONS															
Cases Added	1312	1579	1574	1563	1835	1888	2575	2621	2341	3097	3200	4154	4195	3904	4932
Trials	169	192	189	204	151	188	182	187	214	167	357	374	376	418	318
Cases Disposed	1291	1459	1606	1532	1575	1728	2027	2395	2413	2459	3019	3486	4001	3945	4034
Pending	1298	1418	1386	1415	1674	974	1523	1748	1672	2310	2272	2941	3134	3087	3984
INVENTORY	12.1	11.7	10.4	11.1	12.8	6.8	9.0	8.8	8.3	11.3	9.0	10.1	9.4	9.4	11.9
TOTAL JURY & NON-JURY Ex Divorce															
Cases Added	4454	5036	5115	4815	5266	8806	10697	10436	9605	11135	13260	15733	15551	14420	16401
Trials	836	962	784	923	703	2418	2362	2180	2185	2398	3254	3324	2964	3108	3101
Cases Disposed	4430	4949	5074	5077	4703	8069	9094	9901	9937	9843	12499	14043	14975	15014	14546
Pending	4522	4610	4651	4412	4976	3756	5529	6063	5771	7063	8278	10139	10714	10183	12039
INVENTORY	12.2	11.2	11.0	10.4	12.7	5.6	7.30	7.35	7.0	8.6	7.9	8.7	8.6	8.1	9.9
TOTAL MV															
Cases Added	1777	2106	2077	2073	2275	3466	3976	3909	3495	4137	5243	6082	5986	5568	6412
Trials	190	270	231	262	187	668	580	403	413	339	858	850	634	675	526
Cases Disposed	1656	1976	2128	2058	2006	3167	3396	3561	3614	3554	4823	5372	5689	5672	5560
Pending	1673	1803	1752	1763	2032	1548	2128	2476	2357	2940	3221	3931	4228	4120	4972
INVENTORY	12.1	10.9	9.9	10.3	12.2	5.9	7.5	8.3	7.8	9.9	8.0	8.8	8.9	8.7	10.7

* Excludes Metro Toronto.

PROVINCIAL COURT (CIVIL DIVISION)/SMALL CLAIMS COURTS

Since about 1980, the number of claims in the Ontario's Small Claims Courts has decreased. The number in 1989/90 was 126,028. This was an increase from the previous year's figure of 119,998. Of the 1989/90 total, 104,587 or 90% were in the 0 to \$1000 range, and 88,916 or 77% were outside of Metropolitan Toronto. In Metropolitan Toronto, there were a total of 27,112 claims filed, and of these 15,671 or 58% were in the 0 to \$1000 range. The number in Metropolitan Toronto was the lowest since 1978, and this was true for both 0 to \$1000 claims and \$1000 to \$3000 claims.

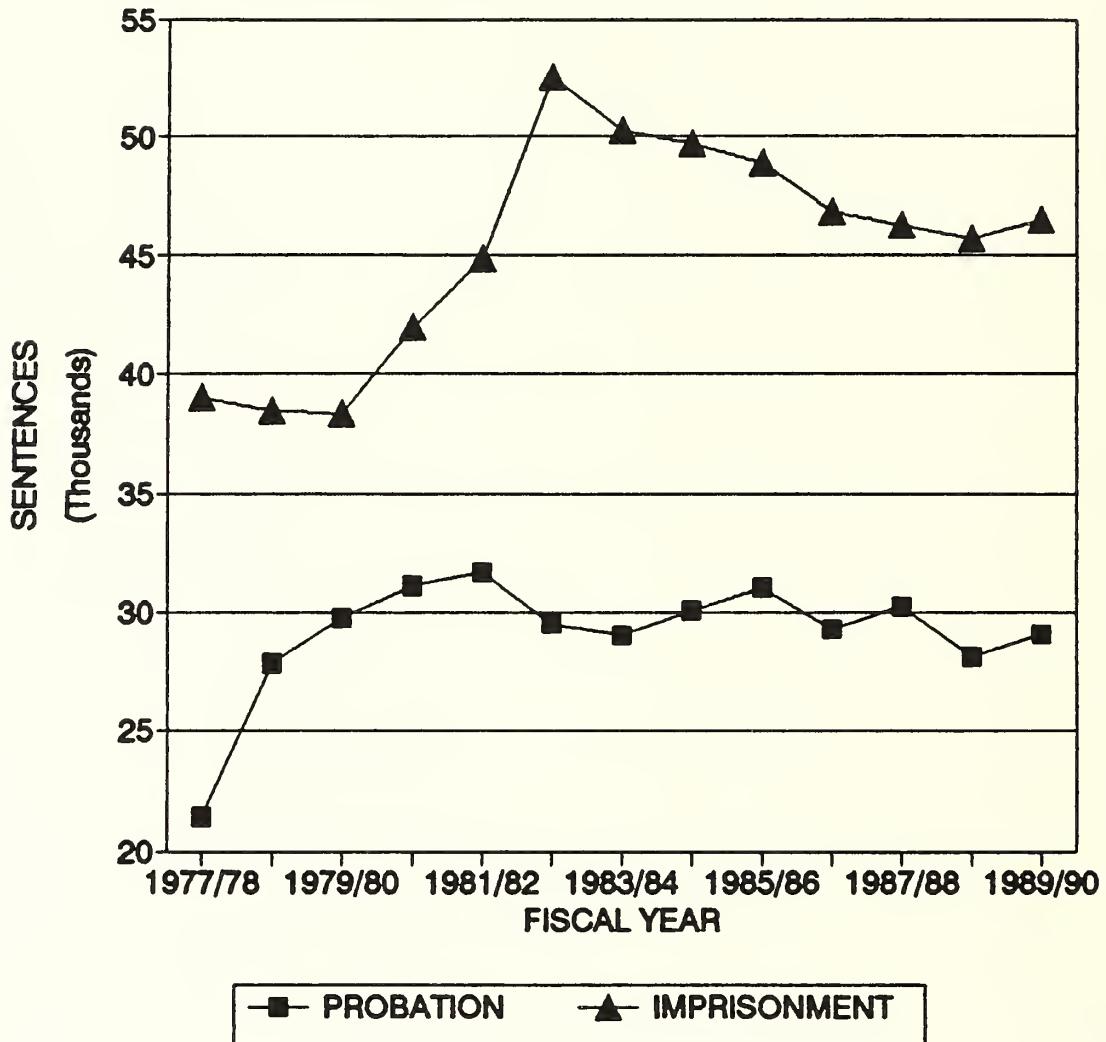
SMALL CLAIMS COURT TRENDS IN ANNUAL CLAIMS FILED

CALENDAR YEAR	METRO TORONTO		TOTAL	REMAINDER		TOTAL ONTARIO	TOTAL ONTARIO
	CLAIMS 0-1000	CLAIMS 1000-3000		ONTARIO	0-1000		
1977	26,210		26,210	101,395	127,605	127,605	
1978	32,196		32,196	120,653	152,849	152,849	
1979	33,303		33,303	111,658	144,961	144,961	
1980	35,981		35,981	129,016	164,997	164,997	
1981	27,551	13,318	40,869	115,634	143,185	156,503	
1982	29,212	16,139	45,351	115,403	144,615	160,754	
1983	26,375	14,979	41,354	96,303	122,678	137,657	
1984	21,729	16,377	38,106	89,125	110,854	127,231	
1985	20,663	14,473	35,136	83,551	104,214	118,687	
1986	20,958	14,826	35,784	85,747	106,705	121,531	
1987	21,900	17,200	39,100	72,800	94,700	111,900	
1988	18,785	17,430	36,215	83,783	102,568	119,998	
1989	15,671	11,441	27,112	88,916	104,587	126,028	

Specifically for the Provincial Court (Civil Division) over the last three years, at yearend there have been approximately 1000 actions awaiting pre-trial and an additional 700 actions awaiting trial dates.

GRAPH 7

SENTENCED ADMISSIONS TO IMPRISONMENT AND PROBATION



CORRECTIONS

Overview

In 1989/90, the Ministry of Correctional Services reported that the number of adults sentenced to a term of imprisonment and young persons sentenced to secure custody increased to 46,483 from 45,696 the previous year. This was the first year for an increase since 1982/83 (Graph 7). Within this, in 1989/90, sentences increased for fine default, and other sentences in comparison to the previous year. There was a decrease in federal sentences.

	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89	1989/90
SENTENCES TO Imprisonment	48834	46808	46246	45696	46483
Imprisonment for Fine Default	15817	14180	13908	11950	12387
Probation	31058	29296	30266	28107	29070

The number of adults commencing a term of probation and young persons sentenced to a term of community supervision increased modestly from the previous year. Graph 7 displays a ten year trend for these data.

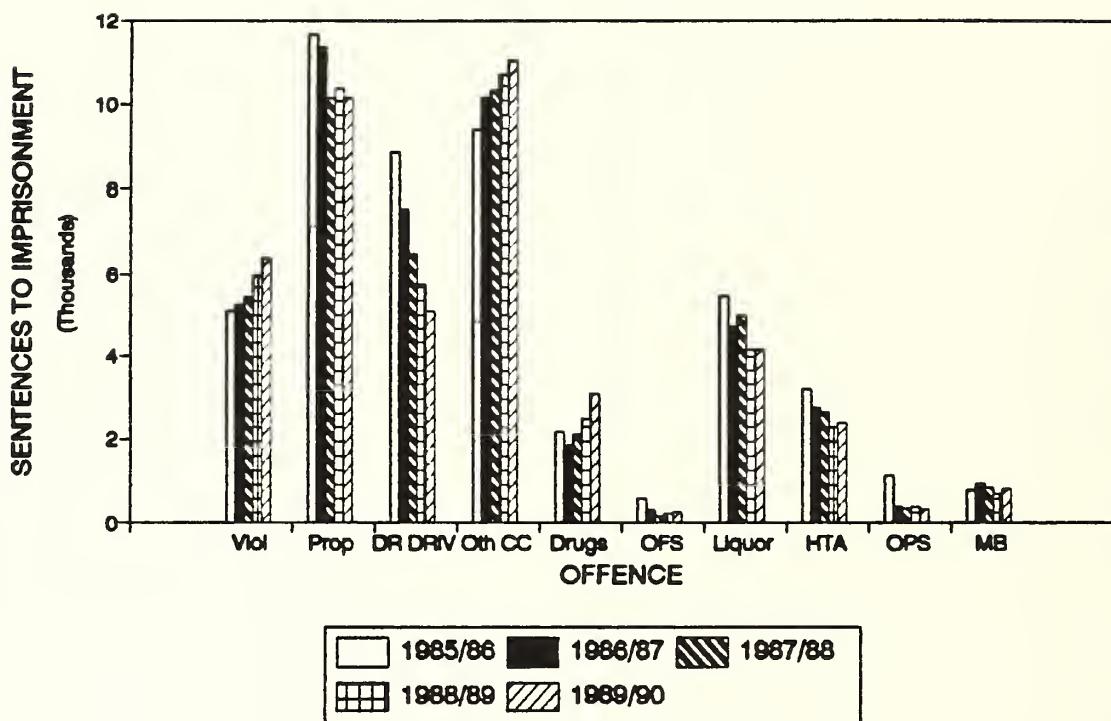
Length of Sentences

The reduction in fine default sentences over the long term accounts for most of the decrease in prison sentences over the last few years. However, in total there were increases in the number of federal prison sentences but there was a modest decrease in the 12 to 24 month sentences.

DISTRIBUTION OF AGGREGATE ADULT SENTENCES TO IMPRISONMENT					
	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89	1989/90
Sentence Length	Sentences Served				
<30 Days	23580	21141	20939	19185	19696
1 To < 6 Mos	16289	16190	15634	16223	16578
6 To < 12 Mos	3141	3011	3152	3268	3305
12 To < 24 Mos	2207	2162	2091	2062	2232
Federal Time	1446	1546	2240	2085	1678
Unknown	1129	1256	636	1237	1331
Total	47792	45306	44692	44060	44820
Total > 1 mo	24212	24165	23753	24875	25124
 Fine Default Sentences					
<30 Days	12816	11332	11128	9392	9809
Total > 1 mo	3001	2848	2780	2558	2578
Total	15817	14180	13908	11950	12387
 Other Sentences					
<30 Days	10764	9809	9811	9793	9887
Prov > 1 mo	18805	16574	18636	18995	20437
Federal	1948	2087	1446	2085	1678
Unknown	638	600	1129	1237	1331

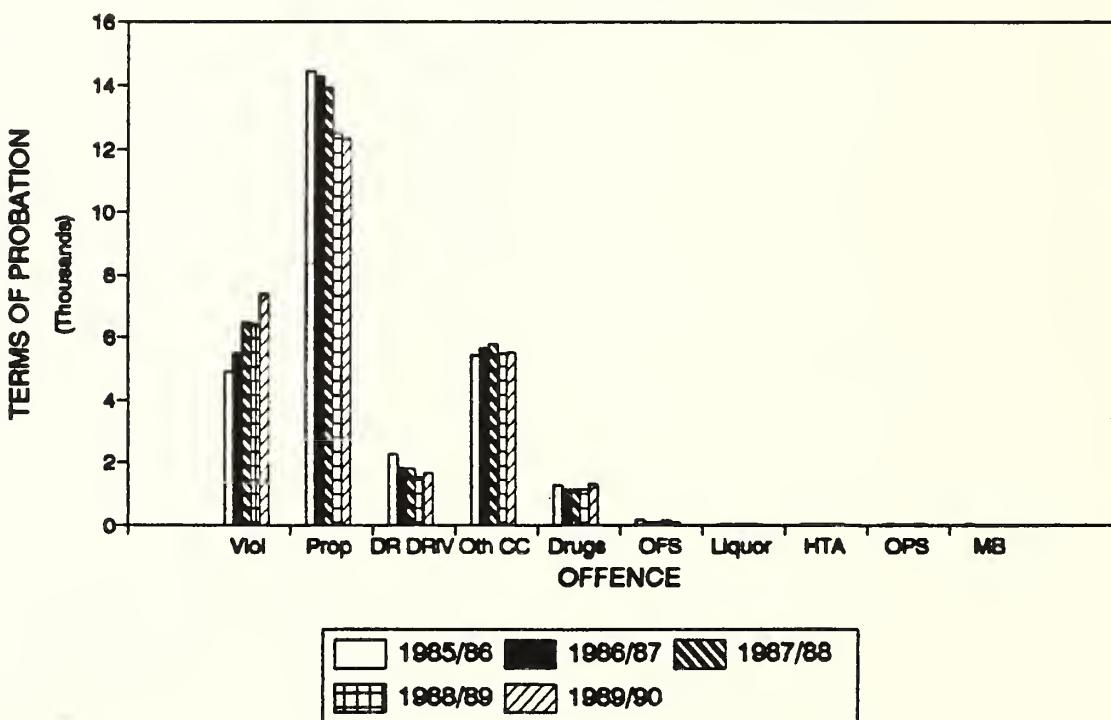
GRAPH 8

IMPRISONMENT SENTENCES/CUSTODY ORDERS BY OFFENCE, 1985/86 TO 1989/90



GRAPH 9

PROBATION/COMMUNITY SERVICE TERMS BY OFFENCE, 1985/86 TO 1989/90



SENTENCES BY OFFENCE TYPE

The following points highlight some of the changes in sentences by offence type between 1985/86 and 1989/90.

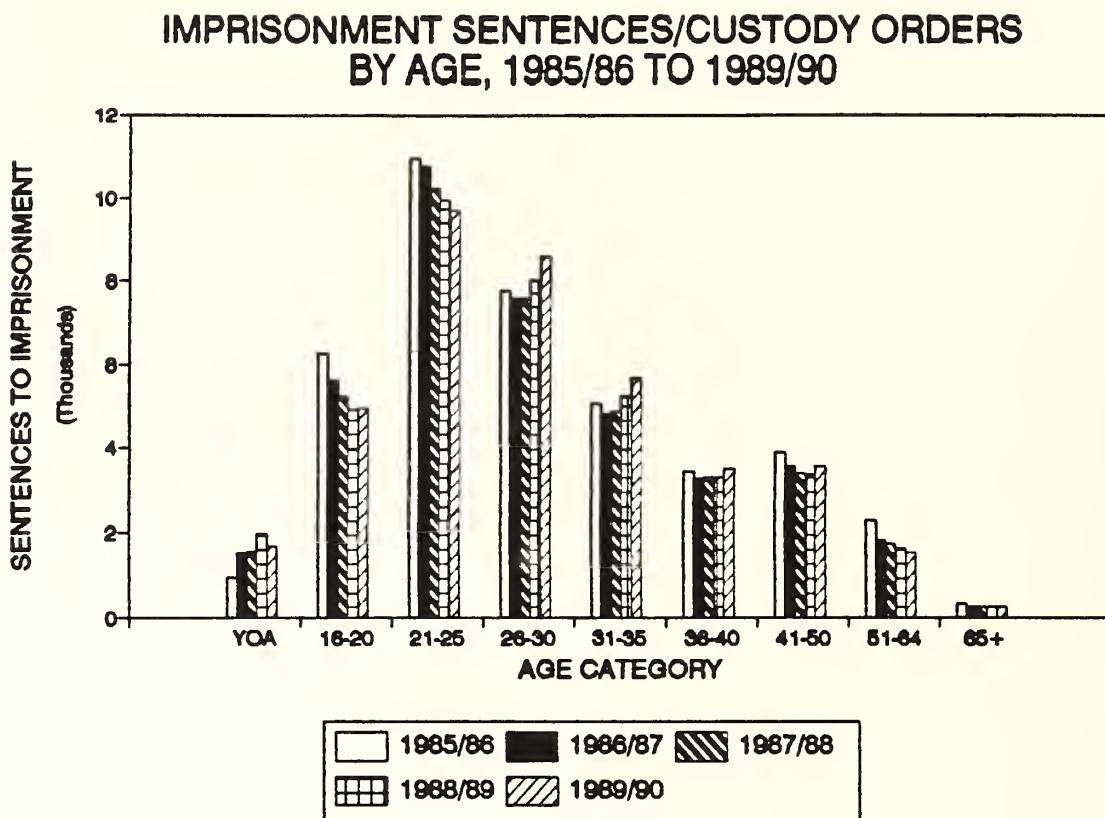
Sentences To Imprisonment And Secure Custody

- The total number of sentences to imprisonment and young offenders sentenced to secure custody increased from 45,696 in 1988/89 to 46,483 in 1989/90. However, the number was less than the 1985/86 figure 48,834.
- Over the five year period, the number sentenced for violent offences increased from 5067 to 6357, a 25% increase.
- The number sentenced for property offences decreased from 11,669 to 10,153. At the same time, the number of property offences reported to police increased.
- The number sentenced for drinking offences decreased from 8874 to 5073, a 43% decrease.
- The number sentenced for drug offences increased from 2162 to 3057.
- The number sentenced for less serious federal and provincial statutes each decreased. The number sentenced for municipal bylaw offences increased in comparison to 1988/89, but was less than in 1986/87.

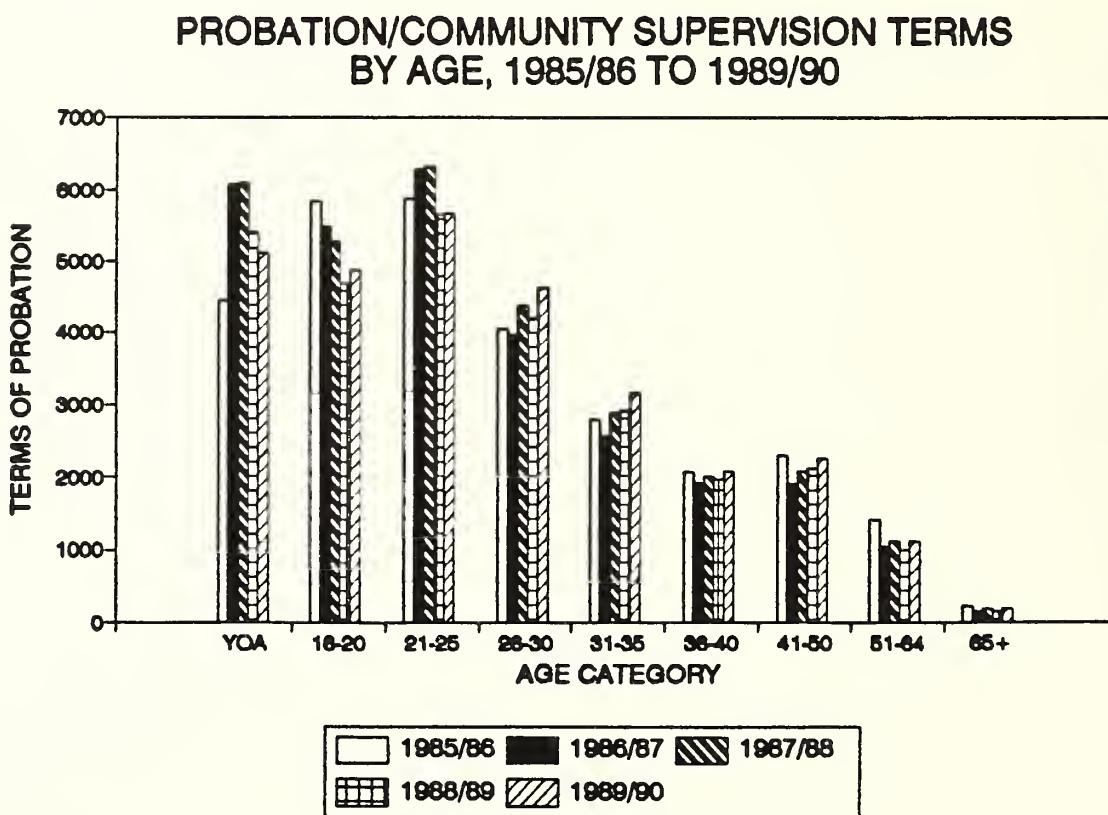
Sentences To A Term Of Probation And Community Supervision

- The total number of adults sentenced to a term of probation increased in 1989/90 in comparison to 1988/89 from 28,107 to 29,070. The highest over the five year period was in 1987/88 when the number was 30,266.
- The number of probation sentences for violent offences in 1989/90 was 7,360, the highest of the five year period. The number was 52% higher than the 1985/86 figure 4,846.
- The number of probation sentences for property offences was 12,257 in 1989/90, the fifth consecutive year for a decrease.
- The number of probation sentences for drinking driving offences increased modestly in 1989/90 to 1,657 from 1,537 the previous year. The number in 1985/86 was 2,243.
- The number of probation sentences for drug offences was 1,290 in 1989/90. This up from 1,115 the previous year, and the highest of the five year period.

GRAPH 10



GRAPH 11



SENTENCES BY AGE

Imprisonment Sentences And Custody Orders By Age

- The number of imprisonment sentences decreased for young offenders and the 21-25 age category in 1989/90. That year, the number was the lowest in five years.
- In contrast, to the younger age categories, imprisonment sentences for the 26-30, the 36-40 and the 41-50 age categories increased in 1989/90 for the fourth consecutive year.
- The number decreased for the over 50 age categories.

Terms of Probation and Community Service

- In 1989/90, the number of sentences to a term of probation and community supervision was 29,070. This was an increase from 1988/89 but was the second lowest number in the five year period. The high was in 1987/88, 30,266.
- In 1989/90, the number of terms of community supervision decreased for young offenders, but increased for every other age category.
- The number of terms of probation for the 16-20 and 21-25 age categories was marginally higher in 1989/90 than the previous, but the number was the second lowest of the five year period.
- For the 31-35 and 36-40 categories, the number in 1989/90 was the highest of the five year period.

